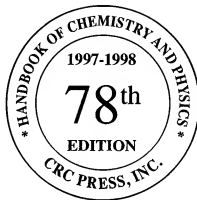


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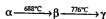
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reactors are efficient, covered commercial production has been achieved. Titanium tetrachloride is produced in a variety of ways, but the most common is by reacting titanium dioxide with carbon in a furnace. The metal is produced commercially by reducing titanium tetrachloride with magnesium. This method is largely used for producing the metal today. The metal can be purified by decomposing the iodide. Titanium, when pure, is a lustrous, white metal. It has a low density, good strength, is easily fabricated, and has excellent corrosion resistance. It is ductile only when it is free of oxygen. The metal burns in air and is the only element that burns in nitrogen. It is resistant to dilute sulfuric and hydrochloric acid, most organic acids, moist chlorine gas, and chloride solutions. Natural titanium consists of two isotopes with atomic masses from 46 to 50. All are stable. Fifteen other unstable isotopes are known. The metal is dimorphic. The hexagonal form is resistant to the cubic form very slowly at about 880°C. The metal combines with oxygen at red heat, and with chlorine at 550°C. Titanium alloys are as strong as steel, but 45% lighter. They are resistant to seawater and are used for propeller shafts, rigging, and other parts of ships exposed to salt water. A titanium anode has excellent resistance to sea water and is used for cathodic protection from corrosion by salt water. Titanium metal is considered to be physiologically inert, but titanium powder may be a carcinogenic hazard. When pure, titanium dioxide is relatively clear and has an extremely high index of refraction with an optical dispersion higher than diamond. It is produced artificially for use as a gemstone, but it is relatively soft. Star sapphires and rubies exhibit their asterism as a result of the presence of TiO_2 . Titanium dioxide is extensively used for both house paint and artist's paint, as it is white and has good covering power. Titanium oxide pigment accounts for the largest use of the element. Titanium paint is an excellent reflector, and is extensively used in solar observatories where heat causes poor seeing conditions. Titanium tetrachloride is used to indurate glass. This compound fumes strongly in air and has been used to produce smoke screens. The price of titanium metal (99.8%) is about \$550/kg. *Tungsten* — (Swedish, *tung sten*, heavy stone); also known as *wolfram* (from *wolframite*, said to be named from *wolfram* or *spum lupi*, because it interfered with the smelting of tin and was supposed to devour the tin); W; at. wt. 183.84(1); at. no. 74; m.p. $3422 \pm 20^\circ\text{C}$; b.p. 5555°C ; sp. gr. 19.3 (20°C); valence 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6. In 1779 Peter Woulfe examined the mineral now known as *wolframite* and concluded it must contain a new element. Scheele, in 1781, found that a new acid could be made from *tung sten* (a name first applied about 1758 to a mineral now known as *scheelite*). Berzelius and Bertram suggested the possibility of obtaining a new metal by reducing this acid. The de Elhuyar brothers found an acid in *wolframite* which was identical to the acid of *tungstentungstic acid* of Scheele, and in that year they succeeded in obtaining the element by reduction of the acid with charcoal. Tungsten occurs in *wolframite*, $(\text{Fe}, \text{Mn})\text{WO}_4$; *scheelite*, CaWO_4 ; *hübnerite*, MnWO_4 ; and *ferberite*, FeWO_4 . Important ores of tungsten occur in California, Colorado, South Korea, Bolivia, Russia, and Portugal. China is reported to have about 75% of the world's tungsten resources. Natural tungsten contains five stable isotopes. Thirty-two other unstable isotopes and isomers are recognized. The metal is obtained commercially by reducing tungsten oxide with hydrogen or carbon. Pure tungsten is a steel-gray to tin-white metal. Very pure tungsten can be cut with a razor, and can be forged, spun, drawn, and extruded. The impure metal is brittle and can be worked only with difficulty. Tungsten has the highest melting point of all metals, and at temperatures over 1650°C has the highest tensile strength. The metal oxidizes in air and must be protected at elevated temperatures. It has excellent corrosion resistance and is attacked only slightly by most mineral acids. The thermal expansion is about the same as silicate glass, which makes the metal useful for glass-to-metal seals. Tungsten and its alloys are used extensively for automobile distributors; for electric lamps, X-ray targets; windings in vacuum and television tubes, and for metal evaporation work; for electrical contact points for automobile distributors; for filaments for electric lamps, and for elements for electrical furnaces; and for numerous spacecraft and high-temperature applications. High-speed tool steels, Hastelloy®, Stellite®, and many other alloys contain tungsten. Tungsten carbide is of great importance to the metal-working, mining, and petroleum industries. Calcium and magnesium tungstates are widely used in fluorescent lighting; other salts of tungsten are used in the chemical and tanning industries. Tungsten disulfide is used as a high-temperature lubricant, stable to 500°C . Tungsten bronzes and other tungsten compounds are used in paints. Tungsten powder (99.95%) costs about \$325/kg. *Uranium* — (Planet Uranus), U; at. wt. 238.0289(1); at. no. 92; m.p. 1135°C ; b.p. 4131°C ; sp. gr. —18.95; valence 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6. Yellow-colored metal. It is malleable, ductile, and slightly paramagnetic. In air, the metal becomes coated with a layer of oxide. Acids dissolve the metal, but it is resistant to alkalis. Uranium has twenty-three isotopes, one of which is an isomer and all of which are radioactive. Naturally occurring uranium consists of 99.2745% by weight ^{238}U , 0.720% ^{235}U , and 0.0055% ^{234}U . Studies show that the percentage weight of ^{235}U in natural uranium varies by about 0.1%, depending on the source. The U.S.D.O.E. has adopted the value of 0.711 as being their "official" percentage of ^{235}U in natural uranium. Uranium is sufficiently radioactive to expose a photographic plate in an hour or so. Much of the internal heat of the earth is thought to be due to the presence of uranium and thorium. ^{238}U with a half-life of 4.46×10^9 years, has been used to estimate the age of igneous rocks. The ^{235}U isotope of uranium, the highest member of the naturally occurring elements — except perhaps for traces of neptunium or plutonium — is not clearly



Uranium is a heavy, silvery-white metal which is pyrophoric when finely divided. It is a little softer than steel, and is attacked by cold water in a finely divided state. It is malleable, ductile, and slightly paramagnetic. In air, the metal becomes coated with a layer of oxide. Acids dissolve the metal, but it is resistant to alkalis. Uranium has twenty-three isotopes, one of which is an isomer and all of which are radioactive. Naturally occurring uranium consists of 99.2745% by weight ^{238}U , 0.720% ^{235}U , and 0.0055% ^{234}U . Studies show that the percentage weight of ^{235}U in natural uranium varies by about 0.1%, depending on the source. The U.S.D.O.E. has adopted the value of 0.711 as being their "official" percentage of ^{235}U in natural uranium. Uranium is sufficiently radioactive to expose a photographic plate in an hour or so. Much of the internal heat of the earth is thought to be due to the presence of uranium and thorium. ^{238}U with a half-life of 4.46×10^9 years, has been used to estimate the age of igneous rocks. The ^{235}U isotope of uranium, the highest member of the naturally occurring elements — except perhaps for traces of neptunium or plutonium — is not clearly